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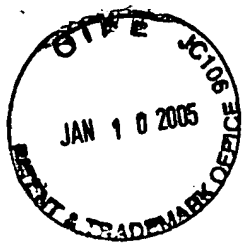
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Response to a non-final Office action under 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Summary of the prosecution

Examiner mailed the present first Office action in the above patent application on 10/06/2004. In the present Office action, Examiner has rejected claim 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. Examiner has further rejected claims 1, 2, 5-7, 9, 11, 14, 16, 17-21, 24, 26, 29-31, 33, 36, 37, and 40 under 25 U.S.C 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. patent 5,966,716, Comer, et al., *Automatic Spreadsheet Forms*, having an effective filing date of 07/14/98. Examiner has additionally rejected claims 3, 4, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28, 32, 34, 35, 38, 39, 41, and 42 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Comer as applied to claims in 1, 20, and 37 in view of U.S. Patent 5,371,675, Greif, et al., *A Spreadsheet Program which Implements Alternative Range References*. Applicant is amending claim 1 to overcome the rejection of claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. 101 and traversing the rejections of claims 1-40 that are based on 35 U.S.C. 102 or 35 U.S.C. 103. Claim 20 has been amended to correct an error discovered by Applicant.

Please amend the claims as follows: